

**Introduced by Senator Price**

February 17, 2011

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~~An act relating to pupil dropout.~~ *An act to add Article 6.5 (commencing with Section 54720) to Chapter 9 of Part 29 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to pupil dropout recovery.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 473, as amended, Price. Pupils: ~~dropouts~~. *dropouts: recovery.*

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to submit to the Governor, the Legislature, and the State Board of Education, a report called the Annual Report on Dropouts in California. Existing law states the intent of the Legislature that the report be usable by schools, districts, policymakers, researchers, parents, and the public, for purposes of identifying and understanding trends, causal relations, early warning indicators, and potential points of intervention to address the high rate of dropouts in California. *Existing law requires county superintendents of schools and governing boards of school districts to report attendance information for purposes of apportionment, and requires the county superintendent of schools to determine a revenue limit for each school district in the county according to a formula based on average daily attendance.*

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would address pupil dropout prevention and recovery.~~

*This bill would authorize a local educational agency to continue to claim average daily attendance for pupils who have dropped out of school if the local educational agency develops a dropout recovery program that conforms to specified criteria. These criteria would include*

*developing a strategy for the identification and enrollment of pupils who have dropped out of a high school in the school district, a procedure to demonstrate pupil academic growth, and criteria showing the pupil's readiness for career preparation or postsecondary education. A program developed pursuant to these provisions would be required to be approved by the State Department of Education. The bill would require the department to make available on its Internet Web site a list of successful dropout recovery programs developed pursuant to these provisions.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. Article 6.5 (commencing with Section 54720) is*  
2     *added to Chapter 9 of Part 29 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the*  
3     *Education Code, to read:*

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5                     *Article 6.5. Dropout Recovery*  
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7     54720. (a) *A local educational agency may continue to claim*  
8     *average daily attendance for pupils who have dropped out of school*  
9     *if the local educational agency develops a dropout recovery*  
10    *program that conforms to the criteria described in this section.*

11    (1) *The program shall include all of the following components:*

12    (A) *A strategy for the identification, location, and enrollment*  
13    *of pupils who have previously dropped out of a high school in the*  
14    *school district.*

15    (B) *A procedure to demonstrate individual pupil academic*  
16    *growth significantly beyond that which would be expected for the*  
17    *pupil's time in the classroom.*

18    (C) *Other meaningful criteria showing the pupil's readiness for*  
19    *career preparation or postsecondary education.*

20    (2) *The program shall be approved by the department.*

21    (3) *The local educational agency may partner with another*  
22    *local educational agency, a governmental agency, apprenticeship*  
23    *program, or a nonprofit organization with a demonstrated history*  
24    *of dropout recovery.*

25    (b) *The department shall develop and make available on its*  
26    *Internet Web site a list of successful dropout recovery programs*

1 *established pursuant to this section. The purpose of this list is to*  
2 *illustrate potential models that a local educational agency may*  
3 *consider in developing a dropout recovery program pursuant to*  
4 *this section.*

5 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~  
6 ~~legislation that would address pupil dropout prevention and~~  
7 ~~recovery.~~